

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public services – Allegations of corruption against Sri Kurimetli Lalaiah, Village Revenue Officer, Yeragandlapally(V), O/o Tahsildar, Marriguda(M), Nalgonda district – Trap case – Sanction for Prosecution - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE(VIG.VII)DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 927

Dated 31-07-2008

ORDER:

Whereas, Sri Kurimetli Lalaiah, S/o late Lalaiah, joined Government service on 2-2-1992. He worked as Village Revenue Officer, Yeragandlapally(V), Marriguda(M), Nalgonda district from 7-2-07 to 28-12-2007 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under category of public servant as defined under Section 2(c) of the Prevention of corruption Act, 1988(Central Act 49 of 1988);

And whereas, it is alleged that, Sri Meghavath Ramji is native of Ajilapuram H/o Yeragandlapally(V), Marriguda(M), Nalgonda district. Sri Meghavath Mothya father of Sri M.Ramji is having Agricultural lands in the village. Sri Meghavath Mothya gifted said lands to his three sons Ramji, John and Laxman through Gift Deed vide Doc.No.2927/2007,2929/2007 and 2930/2007 of Sub-Registrar Office, Deverakonda, Nalgonda district. As such Sri M.Ramaji got 1.04 acres of land, his brothers Sri John and Sri Laxman got 2.04 acres each. As the said lands were in the name of Sri M.Mothya, Sri M. Ramji and his two brothers decided to get the ownership of the lands transferred on their names by effecting changes in Revenue on Record. Accordingly on 3-12-2007 Sri M.Ramji and his two brothers submitted three applications enclosing the Xerox copies of Gift Deeds to their Village Revenue Officer Sri Lalaiah at Yeragandlapally(V), Grampanchayat Office. Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue Officer received the applications of Sri M.Ramji and his two brothers and informed them that an order of Tahsildar, Marriguda was required to enter their names and land particulars in Revenue on record and demanded and amount of Rs.7000/- as bribe saying that he would ensure the completion of the work. Then Sri M.Ramji pleaded that he was not capable of paying that much amount as bribe, but Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue Officer did not heed to Ramji's request. After that on 19-12-2007, when Sri Lalaiah,

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Village Revenue Officer came to Yeragandlapally(V) to attend to Revenue Grama Sabha, Sri M.Ramji met Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue Officer and pleaded him to enter their names in the Revenue on record, but Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue Officer reiterated his earlier demand of Rs.7000/- and stated that the work of Ramji and his brothers would be done only on payment of bribe. On the persistent requests of Sri M.Ramji that he could not pay that much amount as bribe, Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue Officer reduced his demand of bribe from Rs.7000/- to 5,700/- saying that their work would be done only on the payment of the bribe. As there was no other go Sri M.Ramji agreed to pay the bribe amount, saying that he would come and meet Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue Officer in a week after consulting his brothers. But Sri M.Ramji and his brothers John and Laxman were not willing to pay any bribe to Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue Officer and unless the bribe amount of Rs.5,700/- is paid their work will not be completed. So, Sri M.Ramji requested to take necessary legal action against Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue Officer, Yergandlapally(V), Mariguda(M) of Nalgonda District. The Inspector of Police, Anti corruption Bureau, Nalgonda after due enquiry registered a case in Cr.No.29/ACB-HR/2007 under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 28-12-2007 at 05.30 a.m. and investigated into.

And whereas, it is alleged that on the date of trap i.e. on 28-12-2007 Sri Meghavath Ramji, after leaving the trap party, proceeded on foot to the Gram Panchayat office, Khudabakshpally, entered the compound of Grampanchayath and found Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue officer sitting at a corner of the tent in a chair and verifying some papers in Revenue Sadassu programme. Other Revenue officials were also available on the other side. On seeing Sri M.Ramji, Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue officer came to the bus shelter where there were no other persons available. Then Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue officer enquired Sri Ramji about the bribe amount. On the positive reply of Sri M.Ramji, Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue officer asked him to pay. Then Sri M.Ramji took out the wad of currency notes from his left front shirt pocket and paid to Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue officer. Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue officer, accepted the said amount with his right hand, counted the tainted amount with both hands and kept the same in his right side pant pocket and assured Sri M.Ramji that he would complete his work very soon and would also see that the necessary changes will be

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made in the Revenue on record. The both left and Right hand fingers and the inner portion of the right side back pant pocket of Sri Lalaiah, when subjected to Phenolphthalein test yielded positive results. The tainted amount of Rs.5,700/- was recovered from the possession of Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue officer from his wearing right side back pant pocket and the said amount of Rs.5,700/- was seized under cover of post trap proceedings;

And whereas the said acts of Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue officer, Yeragandlapally(V), O/o Tahsildar, Marriguda(M), Nalgonda district constitute the offences punishable under section 7 and section 13(1)(d) read with section 13(2) of Prevention of corruption Act, 1988(Central Act 49 of 1988);

And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue officer, Yeragandlapally(V), O/o Tahsildar, Marriguda(M), Nalgonda district from Government service after fully and carefully examining the material placed before them in respect of the aforesaid allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that the said Sri K.Laliah should be prosecuted in a court of law for the aforesaid offences.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 19(1)(b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of Sri Lalaiah, Village Revenue officer, Yeragandlapally(V), O/o Tahsildar, Marriguda(M), Nalgonda district for the aforesaid offences punishable under section 7 and section 13(1)(d) read with section 13(2) of Prevention of corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of above said allegations and for taking cognizance of the said offences by the court of competent jurisdiction.

G.SUDHIR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General
Anti Corruption Bureau
Hyderabad.